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EPSOM MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAIL FRAUD

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser today announced that Christopher Petruccelli, 36, of Epsom, New Hampshire, pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud in the United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire yesterday.

A sentencing hearing was set for May 27, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Petruccelli faces a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years.

Petruccelli was employed by Surge Temps of Londonderry, New Hampshire, an entity that provides temporary worker services. Petruccelli created a scheme to defraud Surge and its customers in which he billed one of Surge's customers for truck driver services that were never provided to the customer. Petruccelli caused Surge to issue payroll checks in the truck drivers' names and then deposited those checks into his personal bank account. Petruccelli stipulated that the loss from his scheme was between \$10,000 and \$30,000 dollars.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.